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SECRETARY'S MORNING SUMMARY FOR JUNE 5, 1989



1. CHINA

A. AFTER THE BLOODBATH

YESTERDAY AND THIS MORNING TROOPS CONTINUED TO FIRE INDISCRIMINATELY AT CITIZENS IN THE AREA NEAR TIANANMEN SQUARE. CITIZENS TRIED TO BLOCK STREETS AND BURNED ARMORED VEHICLES AND ARMY TRUCKS. HUNDREDS OF MILITARY VEHICLES INCLUDING AT LEAST 34 TANKS AND NUMEROUS ARMORED PERSONNEL CARRIERS HAVE BEEN DESTROYED OVER THE LAST TWO DAYS, ACCORDING

AND PRESS REPORTS.

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SECURED A UNIVERSITY CAMPUS WHERE STUDENTS HAD CAPTURED AN ARMORED PERSONNEL CARRIER, AND ISSUED A WARNING THAT EXECUTIONS OF STUDENTS WILL BEGIN TONIGHT, ACCORDING TO UNITS ARE POISED OUTSIDE SEVERAL OTHER

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COLLEGES, AND THE MILITARY SAID TROOPS WILL MOVE AGAINST
THE CAMPUSES IF RESISTANCE DOES NOT CEASE. SOME STUDENTS
HAVE SEIZED WEAPONS AND ARE VOWING TO RESIST. NON-VIOLENT
PROTESTS HAVE OCCURRED IN HALF A DOZEN OTHER CITIES; MORE

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PRESS HAVE REPORTED THAT MORE THAN 1,000 SOLDIERS AND POLICE WERE KILLED OR WOUNDED AND THAT SOME CIVILIANS WERE KILLED. FOREIGN ESTIMATES RANGE FROM HUNDREDS TO AS MANY

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AS 2,600 CIVIDIANS KILLED AND THOUSANDS INJURED. BUT THE SEVERITY OF THE ASSAULT ON TIANANMEN SQUARE IS CLEAR. TROOPS SHOT INDISCRIMINATELY INTO CROWDS OF UNARMED CIVILIANS, INCLUDING WOMEN AND CHILDREN, OFTEN WITH AUTOMATIC WEAPONS. IN ONE CASE, STUDENTS ATTEMPTING TO PARLAY WITH TROOPS WERE GUNNED DOWN. FOREIGN JOURNALISTS REPORT SEEING FLEEING PROTESTERS SHOT IN THE BACK. ENRAGED PROTESTERS BURNED PERSONNEL CARRIERS AND KILLED SOME SECURITY PERSONNEL.

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HIGH-RANKING MILITARY OFFICIALS REPORTEDLY HAVE BEEN AT THE SQUARE, BUT NO TOP OFFICIAL HAS APPEARED OR COMMENTED PUBLICLY ON THE VIOLENCE. OFFICIAL PRESS STATEMENTS SUGGEST THE HARD-LINERS ARE FIRMLY IN CONTROL, AT LEAST FOR NOW.

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June 5, 1989 Secretary's Morning Summary

B. WORLDWIDE REACTION TO MASSACRE

POLITICAL LEADERS AROUND THE WORLD, REGARDLESS OF
IDEOLOGY, UNANIMOUSLY CONDEMNED THE "BLOODY REPRESSION" IN
CHINA. PRIME MINISTER THATCHER, FRENCH FOREIGN MINISTER
DUMAS, SPANISH FOREIGN MINISTER ORDONEZ AND AUSTRALIAN
PRIME MINISTER HAWKE ISSUED STRONG STATEMENTS DECRYING THE
VIOLENCE IN TIANANMEN SQUARE. MRS. THATCHER WAS
"APPALLED." HAWKE SAID IT WAS TOO EARLY TO DISCUSS
SANCTIONS, BUT AS A "MESSAGE OF ANGER" HE HAD CANCELLED A
PLANNED VISIT TO SHANGHAI BY AN AUSTRALIAN NAVY VESSEL.
DUMAS SAID "BRUTAL FORCE WAS USED TO STOP...THE GROWING
MOVEMENT FOR THE IDEALS OF LIBERTY. THIS...RUNS COUNTER
TO THE CAUSE OF HISTORY." AUTHORITIES IN POLAND, SWEDEN,
THE FRG, JAPAN, AND LEADERS OF THE JAPANESE AND ITALIAN
COMMUNIST PARTIES ISSUED SIMILAR STATEMENTS. THE DUTCH
FOREIGN MINISTRY CALLED FOR A JOINT EC CONDEMNATION OF THE

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CHINESE ACTION. A MANJLA EDITORIA, SAID "THEY RECAPTURE THE SQUARE BUT THEY LOSE THE HEARTS AND MINDS OF THE PEOPLE." ON TAIWAN, PRESIDENT LEE PUT TROOPS ON ALERT AFTER ISSUING A STRONG STATEMENT.

THE SOVIETS, WHO HAD BEEN SHOWING INTERVIEWS ON STATE-RUN
TV WITH CHINESE STUDENTS PRAISING GORBACHEV'S REFORMS,
HAVE REPORTED ON THE EVENTS IN TIANANMEN SQUARE, BUT HAVE
GIVEN FEW DETAILS.

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